Import of DMT Plants

2537. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the report which appeared in the Illustrated Weekly of 12th October, 1986 that two officers were sent to America to ascertain the position with regard to the second hand DMT plant which M/s. Bombay Dyeing was intending to import; and

(b) if so, what are the detailed contents of the report of these two officers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The Government has seen the report appeared in the 'Illustrated Weekly' dated 12th October, 1986. However, no officer was deputed to America by the Government in this regard.

(b) Does not arise.

Price hike of MEG

2538. SHRI SHANKER SINGH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Petro-chemicals Limited, a public sector undertaking raised MEG prices from Rs. 13,500/- per tonne, in March, 1986 to Rs. 15,900/- per tonne from April, 1986 onwards;

(b) if so, whether Government have examined the justification regarding the price hike; and

(c) what is Government's reaction in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) No, Sir. During 1985-86, the price of MEG was Rs. 15,500/- per tonne which was raised by Indian Petro-chemicals Corporation Limited (IPCL) by Rs. 400/- per tonne from 1st April, 1986, to partially offset the increase in the input costs. However, IPCL offered during February—March 1986 a trade discount of Rs. 2,000/- per tonne to sell a large stock accumulations.

DMT manufacture by M/s. Bombay Dyeing

2539. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state.

(a) the date on which the application from Bombay Dyeing for the manufacture of DMT was received and the date on which the letter of intent was issued;

(b) what was the installed capacity sanctioned and what is the CIF value of the plant imported by Bombay Dyeing;

(c) what is the production of DMT till September, 1986 vis-a-vis the installed capacity approved by Government; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the production is far below the approved capacity; if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) The application from M/s. Bombay Dyeing for the manufacture of DMT was received on 28-12-1977 and the letter of intent was issued on the 30th December, 1978.

(b) The licensed capacity approved for the manufacture of DMT for M/s Bombay Dyeing is 60,000 tonnes/annum and a total foreign exchange of US $ 22.50 million including charges for dismantling was sanctioned for import of plant and machinery.